

*Mailed to
Gov. Snyder
Sen. Walker
Rep. Foster
8-25-11*

**CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE MICHIGAN RESOLUTION
KIDS DRIVING RESPONSIBLY**

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2010 seventeen year old Kelsey Dawn Raffaele was killed in a car accident as she attempted to pass a car as she was driving home from a friend's house, and

WHEREAS, several weeks after the accident it was determined that Kelsey had been talking on the phone while operating a vehicle at the time of the accident, and

WHEREAS, the Kids Driving Responsibly Challenge (KDR) was created in memory of Kelsey by her mother in order to educate families about the dangers of distracted driving and to advocate for legislation to reduce the number of tragic accidents that occur due to distracted driving, and

WHEREAS, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that ten states (California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and the District of Columbia) have banned talking on a handheld cell phone while driving, and the use of all cell phones by novice drivers is restricted in various ways in thirty states and the District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, the KDR Challenge is specifically advocating enactment of legislation restricting the use of cell phones for any drivers who are eighteen years of age or less in order to address the tragic loss that is occurring from accidents involving inexperienced drivers utilizing cell phones while driving, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission for the City of Sault Ste. Marie urges our state and federal legislators to enact legislation prohibiting the use of cell phones by drivers who are eighteen years old or younger while operating a motor vehicle, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be mailed to State Representative Frank Foster, State Senator Howard Walker, Governor Rick Snyder, U.S. Representative Dan Benishek, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, and to the Michigan Municipal League requesting their support and action to address cell phone use by drivers who are eighteen or under.

Yeas: Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Bauer, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Gerrie, Commissioner Munsell, and Commissioner Stefanski

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on August 1, 2011 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


ROBIN R. TROYER CMC, CITY CLERK